

Memo To: Board of Trustees
Idaho State Historical Society
From: Kurt Zwolfer, Education Specialist ISHS
Karen Grindle, Idaho History Day Coordinator ISHS
Date: November 29, 2007

Recommended Action:

Amend the wording of the original History Day Policy (approved 10/10/07) regarding student written work for History Day to avoid conflict with the International Bache laureate program.

Background: On Oct 9-10, 2007, the Board approved the following History Day Policy regarding written work for the Idaho History Day.

(ORIGINAL APPROVED POLICY)

All written student work (including "historical papers," "web sites", "process papers" and "annotated bibliographies") submitted for the Idaho History Day program, State extension of the National History Day program, becomes the property of the Idaho History Day program, and may be used to show examples of "excellence" in the educational setting.

The original wording of the policy..."property of..." comes in conflict with the International Bache laureate program, as it can be perceived that IB students who later may wish to publish their work cannot do so as they have forfeited ownership to the Historical Society. In order to allow these students to continue participating, we would like to amend the existing policy.

(AMENDED POLICY)

One of the requirements of the Idaho State History Day program is that participating students must submit four copies of their written work, which may include process papers, annotated bibliographies, historical essays, and websites. Idaho History Day reserves the right to not have to return all copies of all paperwork to all students at the time of the contest, but may dispose of paperwork at the end of the competitions.

Financial Impact: None